

Exchange your old mercury thermometer for a digital thermometer at the Cudahy Health Department



The Cudahy Health Department will offer Cudahy residents the opportunity to replace used mercury thermometers with battery-operated digital thermometers, which are provided by the Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services and the Wisconsin Environmental Health Association.

A limited amount of digital thermometers will be available to **Cudahy residents only** at no cost. Residents may bring in as many used mercury thermometers as they have, but there will only be **one digital thermometer for each household.** Please do not bring outdoor thermometers with red liquid. They do not contain mercury, which is silver-colored. Thermometers containing red liquid (colored alcohol) can be placed in your household trash.

Exposure to mercury may cause a variety of health effects: children and developing fetuses are particularly sensitive to its hazards. Depending on the level of exposure, mercury can cause damage to the nervous system, brain, kidneys, liver and immune system. Mercury is released into the environment from such things as fluorescent light bulbs, thermostats, switches and button batteries containing mercury.

Mercury thermometers should be brought to the Cudahy Health Department at City Hall, 5050 South Lake Drive any **Monday through Friday 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM**. It is preferable that the thermometer be in its storage case. If the case is not available or the thermometer is broken, the thermometer can be brought in a rigid plastic container or double-bagged in a sealable plastic bag.

Supplies of digital thermometers are limited.
